

MINUTES  
**HOUSE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Wednesday, January 26, 2022

**TIME:** 1:30 P.M.

**PLACE:** Room EW05

**MEMBERS:** Chairman Mendive, Vice Chairman Kingsley, Representatives Barbieri, Clow, Christensen, Bundy, Erickson, Galloway, Nate, Skaug, Weber, Berch, Green, Burns

**ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** Representative(s) Berch

**GUESTS:** The sign-in sheet will be retained in the committee secretary's office; following the end of the session the sign-in sheet will be filed with the minutes in the Legislative Library.

**Chairman Mendive** called the meeting to order at 1:30pm.

**Chairman Mendive** introduced a new member to the committee, **Rep. Burns**.

**RS 29255:** **Rep. Skaug** introduced **RS 29255** which would decrease the maximum duration of county leases from thirty years to five years. Any lease agreement beyond five years would require public election approval by a simple majority vote. At present, an agreement of two out of three county commissioners can get a lease and put the county in debt for thirty years.

In responses to questions, **Rep. Skaug** explained that it wouldn't matter what kind of lease it was. In addition, the idea for this legislation originated because a county sought a lease that would have put the county in debt 180 million dollars in spite of public disapproval.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Christensen** made a motion to introduce **RS 29255**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**Chairman Mendive** reminded the committee that Monday, February 14th will be the last day to introduce new legislation to the committee.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 1:37pm.

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Representative Mendive  
Chair

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Emily Huddleston  
Secretary